

B O R O U G H O F T E N B Y

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1954

To His Worship the Mayor, and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1954. I commenced my official duties with your Authority on 1st September, 1955. This report is therefore compiled from the work carried out by my predecessor, Dr. Dorothy Griffiths, and by Dr. D. J. Davies and Dr. Speedy.

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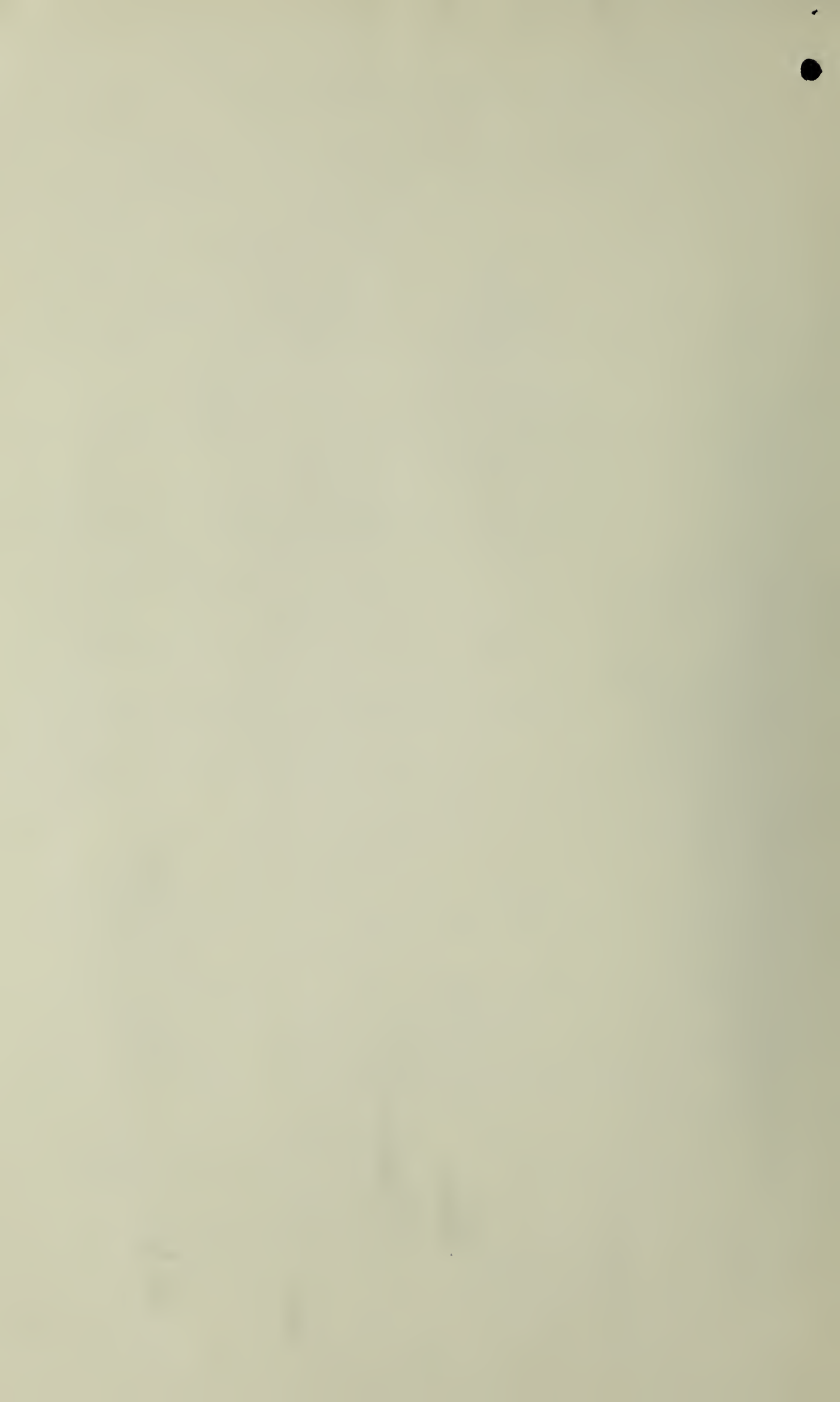
Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1954.....
..... 4,410

	Borough of Tenby, 1954	Borough of Tenby, 1953	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	12.2	13.9	16.72	15.2
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.6	14.8	12.40	11.3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	37.03	65.5	32.23	25.5

<u>Causes of Death</u>	M.	F.
Total (all causes)	36	25
Tuberculosis (all forms)	-	1
Cancer	7	2
Leukaemia	-	1
Diabetes	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	4
Coronary disease, angina	4	3
Other heart disease	7	5
Other circulatory disease	-	1
Pneumonia	3	-
Bronchitis	1	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	5
Motor vehicle accidents	-	-
All other accidents	2	1

The Death Rate is higher than that for the County of Pembroke or for the whole Country. More than half the deaths, 55%, were of persons over the age of 70 years, and of these 52% were over 80 years of age.

The Infant Mortality Rate shows a fall, but is still above the rate for the whole Country. There were two deaths of infants under 1 year, both due to prematurity.



NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The only notifications received during the year were of twelve cases of Whooping Cough.

TUBERCULOSIS

Six cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified, of which four were admitted to hospital.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in the Autumn, and spent three days in Tenby.

	<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total number of persons examined:	942	379	563
Definite pulmonary tuberculosis:	1	1	
Requiring further observation for pulmonary tuberculosis:	11	5	6
Healed primary lesions:	14	7	7
Non-tubercular abnormalities:	37	20	17

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Free vaccination against Smallpox is offered to all babies and any other persons for whom it may be advisable. This is carried out by the local doctors, who are paid by the County Council for notification of either successful vaccination or failure after the second attempt. Records were received of 13 primary and 12 secondary vaccinations during the year.

IMMUNISATION

This is also carried out by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards. Record cards were received of the immunisation of 65 children, and of 129 reinforcing injections.

Other arrangements for Local Health Services are carried out by the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

Investigations were made of several cases reported, but no statutory action was found to be necessary.



WATER

Water samples were taken monthly during the year, and with the exception of one, were all satisfactory.

The water supplied was solely from the Precelly Water Board, the Pumping Station and Ritec supply being used only as a standby source.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

An extensive length of the Eastern Outfall trunk sewer in Castle Square was re-laid, converting the existing defective brick culvert into a 12" cast iron main.

Considerable work of a repair nature was carried out in the branch sewer in Crackwell Street, where defects occurred in the old brick arch.

Beaches

Fewer complaints of beach fouling were received, and no evidence was collected of beach fouling by sewage outfalls. The particularly adverse weather experienced generally during the season might have had an effect of reducing the number of visitors using the beaches.

REFUSAL DISPOSAL

The views of the County Planning Committee made the use of the field opposite the existing refuse tip adjoining the main Tenby/Penally road impossible. Inspection of the disused Black Rock Quarry revealed an ideal site for refuse disposal by controlled tipping, but preliminary approaches to the owner of this land were not successful.

HOUSING

Tenders for the erection of 107 dwelling units and site works at the proposed Marsh Road Housing Estate were prepared, and the Council considered the tenders received.

FOOD

The Council will remember that the previous Sanitary Inspectors have reported on the failure of most premises in which meals are prepared and cooked, to reach the minimum standard of cleanliness required. Though most premises still fall short of the desired standard, improvements have been made to this end.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

Phyllis M. Bowen

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.



PARTICULARS OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S WORK

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR 1954

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts)	75
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	-
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	-
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column)	-
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	-

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9, 10 & 16</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By owners)	Nil
<u>Public Health Acts</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By owners)	Nil
<u>Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 and 13</u>	
No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	Nil
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	Nil
<u>Housing Act, 1936. Section 12</u>	
No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	Not known
No. of families dwelling therein	Not known
No. of persons dwelling therein	Not known
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	Not known
No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	Nil
No. of persons concerned in such cases	Nil



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SANITARY INSPECTION

RODENT CONTROL

Nc.cf prcperties inspected	683
Nc.cf prcperties found to be infested by rats	407
Nc.cf prcperties found to be infested by mice	104
Nc.cf infested prcperties treated.	511

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

Nc.cf Registered Dairymen	3
Nc.cf Retailers in the Brcugh	6
Nc.cf inspections	23

Milk Samples

Satisfactory	23
Unsatisfactory	-

Ice Cream Samples	Nil
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Nc.cf premises visited

Food Premises

Fishmongers	2
Bakeries	20
Butchers	17
Ice-cream premises	40
Groccers	20
Cafe kitchens	32
Market.	21

Nc.cf inspections re:-

Housing	53
Corporate Estate	22
Nuisances	13
Drainage and Sewerage	37
Moveable Dwellings	1

Investigations as to:-

Tuberculosis Nctifications	2
Other duties	306

Food Inspection

A total of 2 qtrs. 9 lbs. 4 oz. of fresh and tinned meat and 1 cwt. 22 lbs. 8 ozs. of other foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered by traders during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	12	10	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	40	31	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority (excluding cut-workers' premises)	1	4	Nil	Nil
Total:	53	45	Nil	Nil

L.J.Cottrell

Borough Surveyor.

